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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Mears et al

Application No.: 09/914944
PCT No.: PCT/GB00/00768
Filed: September 5, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2874

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO
GRATINGS

**RENEWED PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

On 28 July 2003, Applicant filed a "Petition to Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.181" in the above-referenced application. The Petition was dismissed for failure to include the express statement in compliance with MPEP 711.03(c)II.

Ropes & Gray LLP is the present attorney of record in this application. The application file was transferred to Ropes & Gray LLP from the previous attorney of record, Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch LLP. Receipt of the file was docketed by Ropes & Gray LLP on March 7, 2002, as evidenced by the transfer letter previously included with the Petition. This was the only file transferred from Pitney, Hardin to Ropes & Gray. The patent practitioners associated with Ropes & Gray LLP have thoroughly searched the file jacket. The Notification of Missing Requirements was not found in the file jacket.

To further comply with the requirements of MPEP 711.03(c)II, a supplemental communication from Mr. Ronald Brown of Pitney, Hardin, is included which contains the express statement that prior counsel has not retained any file other than the correspondence file with respect to the above-referenced application, and that the Notice of Missing Requirements

was not found in the correspondence file. In addition, the enclosed redacted docket printout from the Pitney firm sets out all responses due in the USPTO on April 15, 2002, but does not show a docket entry for filing of Missing Requirements on that date.


The Applicant herewith respectfully requests reconsideration of the dismissal of the Petition. Applicant also asks that a new Notice of Missing Requirements be mailed to the undersigned as the present attorney/agent of record.

The following documents are enclosed: (1) copy of letter dated October 3, 2003, received from the Pitney firm with a Supplemental Communication indicating that a NOMP was not found, and printout from the docket for the date of April 15, 2002.

It is not believed that fees are required for this Petition. However, if there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, referencing the attorney docket number listed above.

Dated: November 25, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT

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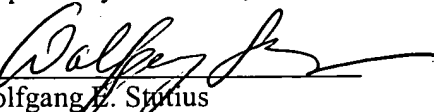
Sir:

Concurrent with the "Renewed Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181", Applicants submit copies of the Declaration (Form PTO/SB/01) executed by the inventors Robert J. Mears and Michael C. Parker. Although a Notice of Missing Requirements was not received from the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), the Communication received from the PCT Legal Office and dated 18 June 2003 indicates that the executed Oath and Declaration were the only requirements to comply with 37 CFR 1.497.

Applicants respectfully submit that all requirements under 37 CFR 1.497 have now been met.

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